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1. (LOU) SUMMARY. UNHCR REPORTS REFUGEE SITUATION REACHING DRAMATIC PROPORTIONS: ADVISES PLANNING FOR WORST CASE SCENARIO AND SUGGESTS PERMANENT TECHNICAL TEAM BE CONSIDERED FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL EXPERTS. HEALTH/SANITATION AND FOOD AVAILABILITY REMAIN SERIOUS PROBLEMS. SITE PLANNER WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND NGO'S. PROTECTION ISSUES MOUNTING. END SUMMARY.

2. (LOU) THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH UNHCR/KIGALI REPRESENTATIVE AND EMERGENCY COORDINATOR GRANDI'S NOV. 5 REPORT TO UNHCR HEADQUARTERS, MADE AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY. UNHCR BRIEFING FOR DONORS SET FOR LATE NOVEMBER G.

3. (LOU) OVERVIEW. UNHCR REPORTED TO GENEVA THAT THE EMERGENCY IS REACHING "DRAMATIC PROPORTIONS," WITH CONGESTED CAMPS IN ALREADY OVERPOPULATED AREAS. UNSATISFACTORY FOOD RATIONS, UNTENABLE SANITATION CONDITIONS AND LACK OF APPROPRIATE SHELTER ARE CONTRIBUTING TO DETERIORATING HEALTH STATUS OF

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REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED RELATIVELY HEALTHY. UNHCR ADVOCATES CAREFULLY PLANNED MULTI-SECTORAL (WATER, SANITATION, HEALTH, SHELTER, SITE PLANNING) PROGRAMME TO MINIMIZE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RWANDAN RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE. REPORT CAUTIONS THAT ANY ACTION MUST CONSIDER POSSIBLE SOCIAL/POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS GIVEN CONTINUED DISPLACEMENT OF 350,000 PERSONS IN NORTHERN RWANDA AND LIKELIHOOD OF DROUGHT IN THE SOUTH. UNHCR EMERGENCY STAFF RECOMMEND PLANNING FOR THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO ON GROUNDS THAT CONDITIONS REMAIN ADVERSE TO EARLY REPATRIATION.

4. (LOU) FOOD. UNHCR RECOMMENDS HEADQUARTERS WORK WITH WFP ON IMPROVING FOOD RATION. THE CEREALS RATION IS LOW, SUGAR IS UNAVAILABLE, MAIZE NEEDS TO BE MILLED, AND BEANS ARE SOON TO BECOME UNAVAILABLE.

5. (LOU) SITES. UNHCR SITE PLANNER IS WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NGO'S ON MAKING READY 19 SITES IDENTIFIED. SOME WILL INVOLVE MOVING REFUGEES.

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6. (LOU) IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS. UNHCR IS CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE BELGIAN RED CROSS AND THREE MSF'S (BELGIUM, HOLLAND, FRANCE) SO FUNDS CAN BE RELEASED. (COMMENT. EMBASSY HAS ADVISED CARE INTERNATIONAL TO ENSURE IT CONCLUDES AGREEMENT EARLY TO ASSURE FUNDING FOR ITS WORK IN WATER SECTOR. WE MAY WANT TO CONSIDER EARMARK. END COMMENT.)

7. (LOU) ASSESSMENT. UNHCR TECHNICAL EXPERTS IN
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WATER, SAMITATION, AND HEALTH CONCLUDED ASSESSMENT
11/5. RESULTS LIKELY TO BE PRESENTED TO 11/8 DONOR
MEETING. UNHCR/KIGALI RECOMMENDING MORE PERMANENT
TECHNICAL TEAM BE FIELDIED TO RWANDA, POSSIBLY WITH
REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, ONCE THESE EXPERTS
DEPART.

8. (LOU) PRIORITY NEEDS. UNHCR REPORTS THAT IT IS
DEVELOPING A DOCUMENT TO HELP HEADQUARTERS DETERMINE
CURRENT FUNDING LEVEL NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL
PROCUREMENT, LOCAL PURCHASES, PAYMENTS TO PARTNERS,
AND ADDITIONAL STAFF. IF SUCH A DOCUMENT IS

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9. (C) PROTECTION. UNHCR/KIGALI REP RODRIGUEZ ADVISED DCM THAT CHARGES ARE EMERGING OF PALIPEHUTU TRAINING BEING CONDUCTED IN RWANDA AMONG REFUGEES. HE MADE REFERENCE TO THE AREA SOUTH OF KIGALI KNOWN AS BUGESERA. HE WILL BE DISCUSSING THESE CONCERNS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO SAID THERE ARE REPORTS OF BURUNDI OFFICIALS CROSSING INTO RWANDA AND PROPAGANDIZING AMONG REFUGEES FOR THEIR EARLY RETURN TO BURUNDI.

10. (C) COMMENT. SIMILARY PROTECTION ISSUES HAVE ARISEN IN PAST BURUNDI REFUGEE SITUATIONS. THE FORMER CHARGE, WHICH WAS NEVER PROVEN, LED IN 1992 TO THE REMOVAL OF REFUGEES FROM MASSACRES IN CIBITOKI TO

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A CAMP TO THE NORTHEAST OF KIGALI. THE LATTER IS
REMINISCENT OF REPORTS THAT THE SUDDEN RETURN OF
REFUGEES IN 1988 WAS DUE IN PART TO CAMP RUMORS THAT
REFUGEES WHO DID NOT RETURN BY PLANTING TIME WOULD
LOSE THEIR LAND. END COMMENT.

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